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One of the original pilot "fast track" sites that did not progress quickly under state lead. The EPA/State Pilot Agreement Expired on July 31, 1994.

- * Site is an inactive vinyl wall covering manufacturer 1943 to 1987 contaminated with various VOCs (Principle contaminants are: xylene, ethylbenzene, 2-ethyl-hexyl phthalate (DEHP), PCBs, arsenic, lead, antimony.) Contaminants have been found in Rockaway River sediment samples.
- * 4/18/94 ROD: off-site removal of contaminated soils hot spots; removal of floating product in groundwater; extraction, treatment and discharge of groundwater into infiltration basins for leaching of contaminants in soils with enhanced biodegradation; covering site with clean soil to limit direct contact; and institutional controls. Treatment continues until performance standards are met in both soils and groundwater.
- * Site is being addressed in two stages: initial actions and a long-term remedial phase focusing on cleanup of the entire site.
- * To date more than 5,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil (inc. PCBs) have been removed. Chemical storage tanks at the facility also have been removed.
- * A program to remove floating organic liquids from the water table is underway. More than 5,000 gallons of organic liquids have been recovered.
- ** DEP wants to revise the ROD (via ESD) to cover hot spot areas that exceed the 600ppm lead RO arguing that the site is a former lead mine. EPA responded via letter requesting further definition of hot spots and said that the action may be an Amendment, not an ESD. Roman Luzecky agreed that if delineation was not possible the entire site must be capped, however, there is still disagreement on how much work should be done and state does not want to do revise the existing risk assessment. Discrepancies need to be clarified.

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